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## **Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management Meeting Minutes**

**May 22, 2008**

### **Members in attendance:**

Melanie Brim, Chairman  
Ruth Ann Brintrnall, Ph.D.  
Michael Chafty, M.D.  
Dennis Dobritt, D.O.  
Jean Friend  
Alan Lewandowski, Ph.D.  
Karen Ogle, M.D.  
Lawrence Prokop, D.O.  
Michael A. Stellini, M.D.

### **Representing**

Michigan Department of Community Health  
Grand Valley State University  
Michigan Board of Medicine  
Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Public Member  
Michigan Board of Psychology  
Michigan State University  
Michigan State University  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

### **Members absent:**

Brian Beck, D.O.	Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery
Daniel Clauw, M.D.	University of Michigan
Ralph Geraci, PA-C	Task Force on Physician's Assistants
Jack Gobetti, D.D.S.	Michigan Board of Dentistry
John Pappas, M.D.	Michigan Board of Medicine
Claire Saadeh, Pharm.D, BCOP	Michigan Board of Pharmacy
Maria Silveira, M.D.	Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Association

### **Visitors in attendance:**

Susan Affholter, Michigan Cancer Consortium  
Greg Baran, Michigan Pharmacists Association  
Giovannino Perri, Medical Services Administration  
Jacqueline Coleman, Medical Services Administration  
Jeanne Lewandowski, MD, St. Johns Hospital  
Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D.

**Department staff in attendance:**

Angela Awrey  
Perry Bell  
Steve Creamer  
Jenny Milczarski  
Robert Ulieru  
Michael Wissel, R.Ph.

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Melanie Brim, Director, Bureau of Health Professions, introduced herself and requested that ACPSM members and department staff introduce themselves.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 21st meeting was moved by Ruth Ann Brintnall, seconded by Karen Ogle. Minutes were approved in consensus.

Melanie gave a brief update on the Bureau of Health Professions. The bureau has approval to fill 13 of 27 vacancies, which includes 3 pharmacists.

Melanie introduced three new members to the committee: 1) Brian Beck, D.O, who represents primary care and a specialist in pain, he was approved by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery; 2) Ralph Geraci, PA-C, who was approved by the Task Force for Physician Assistants; and 3) Michael Chafty, MD, who was approved on May 21, 2008 from the Board of Medicine.

Dr. Beck and Ralph Geraci were unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Chafty was in attendance and gave a brief summary of his background. Dr. Chafty is an anesthesiologist and practices pain management. At this time he primarily practices pain management. He has been practicing medicine for 10 years and served on the Board for the Michigan State Medical Society.

**Supply of Schedule II Drugs at Pharmacies – Discussion:**

Greg Baran, Director of Governmental Affairs, Michigan Pharmacists Association gave a brief presentation regarding the recommendation on adequate supply of schedule II drugs in pharmacies from the 2002 ACPSM report. Mr. Baran indicated that from January 2007 through May 8, 2008 the DEA Detroit Office had data to reflect 15 breaking & entering as well as 10 armed robberies of several pharmacies. Because of the crime level, 2 pharmacies in the Lansing area no longer stock schedule II drugs. Patients can have their prescription of schedule II drugs filled within 2-3 days; schedule III, IV, V can be filled next day. There are no current administrative rules or public health code statutes regarding a timeframe that a pharmacy must fill a prescription.

The Michigan Pharmacist Association has a link to the Board of Pharmacy regarding the ACPSM recommendations. They speak about the recommendations at their meetings.

They are willing to support the recommendation to encourage members of their obligation to patients.

Melanie Brim suggested issuing a Health Alert to licensees and those who prescribe regarding the recommendation of schedule II drugs. Also, it was suggested that possibly there could be an administrative rule that would put a mechanism in place.

Dr. Chafty and Ruthann Brintnall would like to see more facts; for example, how many physicians are not stocking the drugs.

Melanie Brim suggested using SurveyMonkey, an online survey company, to assess pharmacy practices in Michigan. The Pharmacy licensee workforce survey might also be a tool to assess pharmacist practices.

Mr. Baran made the committee aware of a database that pharmacists report thefts, robberies, and forgeries to. The website is [www.rxpathrol.org](http://www.rxpathrol.org). A hand-out of the national map was sent around the room that showed the areas with the most crime. Melanie indicated that she would pull a report and have it available at the next meeting. The committee was asked to provide input by email on how to get baseline data.

#### **Medicaid Refill Restriction (MSA Policy 07-55) – Discussion:**

Giovanino Perri, M.D. and Jacqueline Coleman from the Medical Services Administration, DCH presented a bulletin that was issued on October 1, 2007 regarding Refill Restrictions for Narcotic Analgesics. This bulletin was effective November 1, 2007. It was distributed to pharmacies, practitioners, dentists, vision, hospitals, hospices, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, Medicaid Health Plans, Community Mental Health Services Program Clinics and Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies. This bulletin is for fee-for-service beneficiaries, hospice beneficiaries, and the Beneficiary Monitoring Program. Also, a letter to the beneficiary was mailed out in October 2007 making them aware of the changes in refilling their pain relief medicines.

Evaluations will be done in the mid-summer of 2008. Dr. Ogle requested to hear back from the Medical Services Administration regarding the results of the evaluation.

#### **Workforce Section Staff Updates:**

Steve Creamer indicated that the IASP Guidelines were sent out in mid March to Michigan training programs in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, OT, PT, & psychology. At this time there has been no feedback from any schools. A suggestion was made to follow-up with a reminder email. There is a database of all schools that were sent the guidelines and an email will be sent as follow up. When this reminder email is sent out, a suggestion was made to ask the provider if they are the person that may take the lead on the issue. Steve will draft the email and send out.

The Palliative Care Steering Committee met on May 8, 2008 to get an idea of what everyone is doing in regards to pain management. There was discussion on how to access people regarding pain and end of life. There is a proposal at the administrative office regarding public service announcements, training videos, and training outreach.

The issue of under-treatment and complexity of “palliative care” was discussed at length.

Melanie Brim discussed Palliative Care Steering Committee. The steering committee is an internal workgroup that was developed to make sure that the department works together on this topic. The role of the steering committee is to make sure that there is no duplication of efforts with other bureaus or divisions within DCH regarding palliative care. This workgroup may send recommendations to the ACPSM.

There was a handout titled “Health Professions Boards”. This is a list of health professions boards that have CE requirements or continuous professional development for license renewal. Those boards that are in the implementing CPD or considering CPD column (once they start working on this process) will automatically create a requirement for pain management.

#### **FY 2008 Implementation of 2002 Recommendations – Discussion:**

Steve briefly described the “Opioid Prescribing” booklet of the FSMB, which satisfies recommendation #3. He indicated that he would keep the members apprised of the recommendations. BHP is asking for any questions regarding the recommendations to be emailed for the August 2008 meeting. You can email Steve Creamer at [creamers1@michigan.gov](mailto:creamers1@michigan.gov).

#### **Next Steps/FY 2008 Meeting Dates/Adjourn:**

Notify Steve Creamer of anyone that should attend the next meeting. There will be a presentation on Fibromyalgia at the August 2008 meeting. The purpose of the presentation is to present this issue and explore ways we might educate the public and health professionals on this topic. The presentation will be available on the pain management website, and we may create a section of the pain management website to address fibromyalgia concerns.

**The next meeting is August 21, 2008, 9:30am to 12pm in Conference Room 1 of the Ottawa Building.**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melanie Brim Date